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Frankfurt/Oder - Accumulation of Special
Freight Cars in Cottbus Area

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1. During early January 1951, a special construction line was laid from Frankfurt/Oder station to the south side of a " " which lies immediately to the north-west of the railway bridge over the Oder. This meadow measures an estimated 500 x 1,000 m and during past years has invariably been under water during flood periods.
2. Since this construction line was laid the railroad authorities have ordered that coal slag from the Frankfurt/Oder station is to be dumped on to this meadow. Railroad employees have been observed during their " " (i.e. special Sunday duty organized by FDGB) bringing coal slag, rubbish, etc. to this point where it is unloaded and then spread out across the whole meadow by unskilled laborers.
3. During a meeting of employees of the Frankfurt/Oder station, " " it was hoped to have this dumping work completed by the middle of May and that work would then commence on the laying of new shunting tracks. It was hoped to complete the project by the end of the year and proposed that the new shunting station would be used solely for column trains.
4. " " Large numbers of special cars had accumulated since the middle of last year in the Cottbus shunting station, and that these special type RR cars included:

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